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The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" That question has already been answered."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" May I know if the Government are not able to get any other person in their own departments, why they chose a person who is serving a company, and whether he can serve the company and the Government simultaneously ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" They cannot do so at this stage."

Collector's report on the tape industry in Kurnool district.

*701 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased, in view of the answer given to question No. 275 on 8th September 1928, to place on the table the report of the Collector of Kurnool in regard to the tape industry in the Kurnool district ?

A.—No report was received from the Collector. The question was investigated by the Director of Industries and the answer given to question No. 275 on 8th September 1928 is based on the report of that officer.

Public Works

Increments to temporary upper subordinates of long service.

*702 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what the number of permanent and temporary upper subordinates has been for each year from 1918 to 1927 ;

(b) whether the temporary officers get any increments in salary at all till they are confirmed and if so, on what scale ; if not, when was the system stopped, and why ;

(c) what is the longest period of service for any temporary officer who has been working in the department ; and

(d) whether the Government have in consideration any scheme to give some increments to temporary hands long in service ?

A.—(a) The number of permanent and temporary upper subordinates as it stood on the 31st December of each of the years from 1918 to 1927 is given below :—

Year.	Permanent.	Temporary.
1918	257 [a]	232
1919	257 [a]	293
1920	263 [b]	273
1921	262	292
1922	194 [c]	173
1923	182	151
1924	183	188
1925	273	189
1926	276	251
1927	275	278

[a] Excludes 69 Sub-Engineers' posts.
[b] Do. 68 do.
[c] Do. 26 draftsmen's posts.

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(b) Before 1925 temporary upper subordinates were granted increments once in three years. In that year 90 temporary posts of supervisors were brought on to the permanent establishment. It was then thought that owing to the increase in the permanent cadre, the temporary men would have better chances of confirmation and would not have to wait so long if they were good enough to be brought on to the permanent establishment. The incremental scale of pay was therefore abolished.

(c) Twenty-eight years and six months.

(d) Representations have been made in the matter by the Madras Engineering Association. The Chief Engineer has been asked to examine the question. His reply is awaited.

Medical

Financial aid to Vishavaidyasala at Tirur.

*703 *Q.*—Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a Vishavaidyasala (snake-bite curing hospital) at Tirur in South Malabar;

(b) whether the Government are aware that it is a popular institution and is doing good work;

(c) whether any help was asked for by the institution from the Government;

(d) whether the Government granted or refused such request; and

(e) whether the Government will enquire into the conduct of this institution and consider the advisability of encouraging it by giving financial aid to it and otherwise?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) It has been so represented to the Government by a few local boards in the Malabar district who applied for sanction to contribute towards the upkeep of the institution.

(c) No.

(d) The question does not arise.

(e) There is no need to make an enquiry since there is no application for grant.

Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar:—"May I know whether any local boards asked the permission of the Government to contribute to this institution?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"I remember two cases, Mr. President; Malabar District Board and Tanur Taluk Board."

Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar:—"May I know if the requests in those applications were granted?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"In one case it was stated that it was not necessary to obtain sanction; in the other case it was sanctioned."

Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar:—"May I know whether any sums were contributed for the benefit of the institution and, if so, how much?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"The authorities who applied for sanction would have contributed the amount."